

Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary February 2026

This month's prayer themes are based on Candlemas, Racial Justice, Student Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Lent.

Bible references are from the NRSVA unless otherwise stated. Hymns are from Singing the Faith – StF, Hymns and Psalms – HP, The Methodist Hymn Book – MHB, Song Book of the Salvation Army SBSA.

Prayers from Methodist Prayer Handbook, MPH, Methodist Worship, Book MWB. Other sources are as noted.



Churches Together motif for Racial Justice Sunday last year, 2025

Theme: Coat of Many Colours. The image pays homage to murdered teenager Stephen Lawrence.

Sunday 1st February: Pray for the Ministry, Mission and Worship at Addlestone 10.30 am, Woking Trinity 10.30am (English Speaking Congregation), 1.30pm (Chinese Congregation) and 6.00pm Foundry Worship. Merrow 10.30am. Pray for all who participate in worship today.

Monday 2nd Candlemas *Mary and Joseph came to the Temple, brought the boy Jesus, offered him there. People were waiting wanting to greet him, long had they sought him, solace for care. (Stf 229 Andrew Pratt)*

Reflect upon why people wanted to greet the baby Jesus and what your response would have been had you been there.

Tuesday 3rd *Anna had prayed there, widowed, long waiting; worshipping God by day and by night. Now she is praising, filled with elation; here Is God's promise, Christ is her light. (Ibid)*

Reflect upon how Anna's faith can be related to yours.

Wednesday 4th *Simeon sings now God offers blessing, brilliantly gilding dawn of his day; Light in the darkness, never extinguished, light of all nations, light up our way. (Ibid)*

Reflect upon Simeon's blessing from God and how it can be related to you.

Thursday 5th Reflect upon how the following words reflect your faith:

Jesus, you left your throne and your kingly crown when you came to earth for me; but in Bethlehem's home no room was found for you holy nativity. Is there room in my heart for you? (from HP 154 v 1 amended)

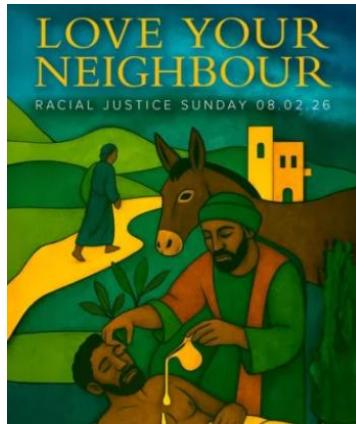
Friday 6th *You came, O lord, with the living word that should set your people free; but, with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn, they took you to Calvary: Lord Jesus, come to my heart now, for your cross is my only plea. (Ibid)*

Saturday 7th **Pray** for the Ministry and Mission of [Street Angels](#) in Guildford, Woking, and elsewhere that the Hope, Light, Love and Power of the Spirit will shine through them to connect, comfort and support; bless their role as they play the part of good Samaritans. **Amen.**

Sunday 8th **Pray** for the Ministry, Mission and Worship at Byfleet 10.30 am, Weybridge 10.30 am, Sheerwater 10.30am, Knaphill 10.00 am and all who take part in worship today.

Racial Justice Sunday

For the next four days **Pray and reflect** on the consecutive verses of this hymn. (StF 696 *Fred Kahn*)
*For the healing of the nations, Lord I pray, for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action, help me rise and pledge my word.*



Churches Together motif for Racial Justice Sunday 2026

Monday 9th *Lead me forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show me how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.*

Tuesday 10th *All that kills abundant living let it from the earth be banned, pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In the common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.*

Wednesday 11th *You, Creator-God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind; that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.*

Thursday 12th Lord as I have reflected on Racial Justice this week – Create in me, a peace-loving nature. Help me to develop peace in my life and then share it with others. **Amen.**

Friday 13th Lord help me to live today quietly and easily. To lean upon your great strength trustfully and restfully. To wait for the unfolding of your will, patiently and serenely. To joyously and peacefully meet others. **Amen** (St Francis of Assisi).

Saturday 14th St Valentine: A 3rd Century Roman Martyr – traditionally a priest who was Martyred for his faith in Rome during the reign of Cladias the Second. Take time to remember those you have loved, now passed, and those you love now.

Also, a time for us to reflect on God's love for you:

Love divine all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down, fix in me your humble dwelling, all your faithful mercy's crown. Jesus, you are all compassion, pure unbounded love you are, visit me with your salvation, and enter my trembling heart. (StF 503:1C Wesley)

Sunday 15th Student Sunday.

Pray for all students at all stages of their education and learning.

“Commit your works unto the Lord, and your thoughts shall be established.” Proverbs 16v3 😊

Pray for the Ministry, Mission and Worship at Cranleigh 10.30am, West Horsley 10.00am, Godalming 10.30am, and all who participate in worship today.

Monday 16th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Chaplaincy across the Circuit - in Schools, the University, Colleges, Hospitals, Care Homes, HMP Send. Also, the work with families and other groups in the community who are struggling; that the Holy Spirit will strengthen and support the chaplains in this important role. **Amen.**

Tuesday 17th Lord as I approach the season of Lent, search me and know my heart, test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (from Psalm 139:23-24)

Wednesday 18th Ash Wednesday – Almighty God, I come to make confession, for I have sinned in thought and word and deed. I now repent in honesty and sorrow, forgive me Lord, and meet me in my need. Redeeming God, I come to seek forgiveness, Jesus died to set me free. Lord, forgive the past and fill me with your Spirit that I may live to serve you joyfully. (From StF419vv1,4)

Thursday 19th Loving Lord, I thank you for loving and forgiving me. Fill me with your love today that I may share it with others I meet along the way. **Amen.**

Friday 20th Give thanks and pray for the Ministry and Mission of all Ministers, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Lay workers - with the elderly, vulnerable adults, children's groups - Stewards, Administrators, Musicians, Readers, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers, and all other Volunteers who give of their time and talents in our Circuit.

Saturday 21st Clothes 4U Knaphill, 2.00pm-4.00pm. In the context of clothes 4U, and other charitable giving -think again about the ways in which you could love *your* neighbour – with time and talents as well as monetary donations.

Sunday 22nd Lent 1: Pray for **the** Ministry, Mission and Worship at Guildford St Mary's 8.00 am and 10.30 am, Stoughton 10.30 am, Walton-on-Thames 10.00 am and all who participate in worship today.

Monday 23rd Lord God may the light of your love surround me, may your power protect me, may your presence be with as I journey in your footsteps to share your love with those I meet in words and deeds. **Amen**

Tuesday 24th It is a long-held tradition that during Lent we give something up.

Reflect: on the reality of these words (adapted from StF 566) as you say them in prayer.

Today, Lord: Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to you; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Wednesday 25th Today, Lord: Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of your love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for you.

Thursday 26th Today, Lord: Take my voice and let me speak/sing, always, only, for you, my King; take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from you.

**SPEAK
THE TRUTH,
EVEN IF YOUR
VOICE SHAKES**

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Friday 27th Today, Lord: take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use every power as you shall choose.

Saturday 28th Today, Lord: take my will and make it yours, it shall be no longer mine; take my heart – it is your own; it shall be your royal throne. Take my love, my Lord at your feet its treasure-store; take myself, and I will be, ever, only, all for you.

Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Coffee Morning at Knaphill, 10.0am-12.00 noon.

During the Lenten season as we move towards Easter – May God bless you abundantly, with eyes that see the best in people, with a heart that can forgive the worst and with a spirit that never loses faith in God. **Amen**
(Judith Merrell, The Leprosy Mission).

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